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MR. HARRMAN'S DEATH

The death of Mr. Harrman, announcement of which was held back until after the closing of the stock market, was not unexpected. It was predicted that he came back from Europe, not for rest as alleged, but to die at home. He was evidently a victim of too great activity—the pressure of his country-wide plans was too heavy.

For a time, Wall Street will miss him. The main question now is as to who will succeed him as the manager of Standard Oil's railway interests.

THE COOK-PEARY CONTROVERSY

The controversy between Messrs. Cook and Peary as to which first reached the North Pole waxed warm. One fact is noticeable, which is that Dr. Cook is the more temperate of the two in language. He does not deny Peary's claim of having reached the Pole, while Peary does deny Cook's claim. Having so denied, the burden of proof seems to rest upon Peary; he must substantiate that denial.

If the two men were in "cahoots," to use a popular phrase, and had privately agreed to raise a hot controversy as a means of enhancing the returns from books, magazine articles and lecture tours, and had each engaged a capable press agent, the existing conditions would become readily intelligible. The controversy promises to pay both of them exceedingly well.

In the meantime, the one really important question, viz., the value or lack of value in the discovery of the North Pole, is being wholly lost sight of. Cook speaks of finding new land in its vicinity, but whether or not it possesses value, does not yet appear. There is talk of the long discussed "northwestern passage" between continents, but neither Cook nor Peary has yet given any assurance of its existence. Meteorological conditions at the Pole were to be ascertained by visitors hereto for the benefit of the weather services of the world, but neither of the claimants has referred to the matter. Possibly, one or both may satisfy the public hunger for definite information upon these points through books, magazine articles or lectures, from which revenue may be obtained.

In fact, the whole matter appears to have degenerated into a contest, less for the honors of a specially notable achievement than for the profits of publication. If the controversy is in good faith and not for advertising purposes, it is practically a struggle for position—the ability to preface the books to be published with "Written by the first (or the only) arrival at the North Pole." And the public seems to be more interested in the decision of this question than in securing definite information of Polar conditions and of the value of whatever discoveries may have been made.

NOT ONE OF THE 50 NAMED

According to the "Connecticut Citizen" which represents the Connecticut Temperance union, its secretary was asked, soon after the November election, to suggest names for membership of the Excise committee of the General Assembly. Presumably, the request came from Judge Banks who was subsequently elected to the Speakership of the House. Fifty names were presented, "graded in five sections of ten each representing the varying shades of opinion on the question." The "Citizen" adds: "Not one of the fifty was named on the committee, and we faced a very different class of men from those whom we had hoped to see."

Is it not a fair inference that this list of members considered acceptable by the temperance element was solicited, not with an intention of appointing any of them to the committee, but in order to ascertain whom not to appoint? At any rate, such was the way it "worked out," for not one of the fifty was placed on the committee.

Whether the Liquor Dealers' association was also asked to suggest names for membership of the Excise committee, has not transpired, nor if such request was made and the names furnished, whether not one of them was accepted. In view of former professional connections of Speaker Banks with the liquor trade, an opinion upon these points might be expressed, and perhaps also an explanation of the facts cited by the temperance element might be found.

The General Assembly did pass several measures affecting the liquor trade. It enacted the 500 population limit for saloons, which was really desired by the brewers; decreed the closing of saloons on Christmas day, granted local option on the question of closing at 10 p. m., refused to change the

200 foot limit, and provided that the voters must sign petitions for votes on the license question. That the temperance element, while making no specific complaint except as to the construction of the Excise committee, is not satisfied with the outcome of the session, is indicated by the comment of the "Citizen" that "we cannot feel that the selections made were a very great success from any standpoint."

Evidently, Speaker Banks has lost whatever popularity with the temperance element he may have had, by turning down all of their recommendations for membership of the Excise committee.

FILTRATION PLANT
TO KILL TYPHOID

Dr. Darlington Says Disease
Will Appear As Long As
People Use Unfiltered
Water

NEED OF SAFE WATER

New York, Sept. 10.—Commissioner of Health Darlington is a firm believer in filtration as the only really effective means of keeping typhoid fever out of New York city. Until the city has a filtration plant there will always be more or less typhoid here, he says, and he adds that the Croton water, which is being consumed here, is always in danger of having typhoid bacilli present in a more or less degree.

The commissioner, while denying that there exists a greater prevalence of typhoid here at present, has taken advantage of the typhoid fever talk of the last few days to point out certain facts concerning the drinking water, and to call the attention of those who are interested to the filtration scheme which he strongly advocated four years ago to Mayor McClellan.

The establishment of a filtration system is the one and only means of driving out typhoid from this city," said the commissioner. "Just so long as unfiltered water comes through the city mains and flows into the hundreds of thousands of homes here in New York so long will there be typhoid fever here. Of course filtration would not absolutely eliminate typhoid cases from New York city, for some cases would be reported here which would be contracted elsewhere during the vacation months. A filtration system would be expensive, yes, but it would be very cheap in the end considering the lives it would save."

Commissioner Darlington said that an adequate filtration system could be built for about \$17,000,000. Such a system would be of the slow sand filtration kind and would have a capacity of 50,000,000 gallons daily. Such a plan for the Croton supply would cost to operate about \$900,000 yearly. The filtration system could be completed in two years, according to the commissioner. He said:

"This may be a large sum to pay for pure water, but a careful computation of the yearly loss in wages of those who become ill, and those who die from drinking impure water, and the private and public expense of caring for the sick and burying the dead would, I believe, more than maintain a filtration plant and pay for the interest on the investment."

FAIRFIELD

The poultry show at the coming fair of the Greenfield Hill Country Club gives promise of being very large and interesting. Mr. J. J. Green, of Fairfield, who imports rare birds from Europe, has sent word that he will make a fine exhibition of Golden and Blue pheasants, some of which cost \$200 a pair. He will also send other birds. Miss Frances Robinson, of Greenfield Hill, daughter of the late Mr. Robinson, is also exhibiting a fine display of aquatic birds, including many varieties of ducks and geese. The family made no exhibit at the last fair, owing to the death of Mr. Robinson.

Mr. William Burr has returned from a two weeks' automobile trip through New Hampshire. He reports there had been frosts in that state before he left for home.

State Road Commissioner Macdonald on Tuesday last inspected the new stretch of road which has been constructed from Stratfield to Plattsville, and which was dedicated to the public a week or two ago with elaborate ceremonies. He has practically accepted the road, but recommended that certain neglected spots by the roadside be cleaned up.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew S. Burr are sending in their congratulations upon the birth of a son yesterday morning.

The registrars of voters, N. W. Darling and James H. Farrell, will be in session at the Town hall on the 16th inst., Thursday, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., to take the names of persons entitled to be made voters.

Dr. J. W. Donaldson spent yesterday at New Haven attending the meeting of the health officers of New Haven county, at the Colonial hotel. There was a very pleasant outing and gathering of relatives, yesterday at the beach, at "Quiet Hour" cottage, in honor of Mrs. Loveridge of New Haven, a native of this town, but who had not visited Fairfield beach in 30 years. Luncheon was served about 2 o'clock. At the table were Mrs. J. H. Jennings, Miss Julia F. Burr, Mr. B. Bullock, Mrs. James Bullock, Mr. William Burr, Miss Emma F. Wakefield and Deacon and Mrs. A. P. Wakefield.

E. B. Sherwood is visiting his brother at Rockaway beach.

Mrs. John Osborne of Fairfield Woods has undergone an operation for appendicitis, and is understood to be recovering nicely.

Prof. Bliss of the Hargrove school is visiting in Boston.

What is Circumstantial Evidence.

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ARRIED BY THE ENEMY.

A Dramatic Incident in the Career of
General de Gallifet.

It was on that fatal day, Sept. 1, 1870, that General de Gallifet distinguished himself by commanding the cavalry charges intended to clear the elevation at Ily, with the view of opening a passage toward Floing, where it was hoped the army might retreat. The first charge overthrew the Eighty-third regiment of the Prussians and penetrated among the German troops, but the latter formed again rapidly after the retirement of the French cavalry.

General Ducrot then asked if they could renew the charge with what remained of the light cavalry and hus-sars, and then Gallifet answered in the words that have become historic, "As often as you wish, general, as long as a man remains!" The second charge was not so successful as the first. Only a few men, with their general at their head, succeeded in penetrating the first ranks of the enemy. It is known that the king of Prussia, who was watching the battle from the top of the hill of Marfee, exclaimed with admiration, "Oh, les braves gens!" Just at this moment an astonishing event occurred in the midst of the battle. As Gallifet was returning with a few survivors, their horses for the most part wounded or foundered, he passed before the Nassau regiment. The Prussian officers ordered their men to cease fire and even struck up some of their guns. The French saluted and shouted, "Vive l'empereur!" and the German officers acknowledged the salute, some of them applauding—Westminster Gazette.

SCIENTIFIC FEEDING.

Health as a Primary Factor in Intelligent Living.

Health and success are so largely dependent upon balance, upon symmetry of development, physical and mental harmony, that we should do everything possible to secure that physical poise which also means mental and moral poise. A large part of our ills come from one sided development, caused by overstimulating some tissue cells and starving others—overfeeding and underfeeding. Scientific feeding, therefore, is of vast importance.

Overeating and improper eating are among the curses of the world. Think of the people who put all sorts of incompatible into their stomachs at the same time and then use all sorts of nostrums to get rid of their bad effects.

One of the most pathetic sights in the world is that of a human being struggling hard to carry out his ambition, yet handicapping himself by his ignorance of physical laws.

What a pathetic figure Carlyle cut in the world—a one sided giant who might have been a symmetrical power, possessor of a colossal brain largely controlled by a dyspeptic stomach! He was cross and crabbed and did just the things that he did not want to do, things that he knew it would be better not to do, but he was the victim of starved nerves, of exhausted brain cells largely for want of common sense feeling.—Orison Swett Marden in Success Magazine.

A "Mite."
The difficulties experienced by our forefathers in trying to reckon money in very small proportions appear in the various values given to a "mite" in the sixteenth and seventeenth century books of commercial arithmetic. The original "mite" seems to have been a third of a Flemish penny, but the use of the word for the widow's coin of the New Testament made its regular English meaning half a farthing, and some old people may remember applying the name to the short lived nineteenth century coins of that value. In those old arithmetic books "mite" stands for various values not represented by actual coins, but obviously used in reckoning. A work of 1706 makes it one-twelfth of a penny, two sixteenth century books one-sixth of a farthing, and in 1674 Jaekes' arithmetic made it as little as one sixty-fourth of a penny.—London Chronicle.

Heroic Treatment.
In Guiana, as a child is slow in its movements the parents apply an ant to the child instead of a whip to make it move faster. This little ant bites more cruelly than a mosquito, and its bite is apt to be troublesome afterward. As you can imagine, this treatment does not make the child kind to others, and the children of Guiana are said to be particularly cruel to animals. The little boys in Guiana do not reckon their age by years, but by their ability to endure pain. Until he gets to the point where he can let the Hucu ant bite him without wincing he is considered merely a baby.

Sympathy.
He—It was a frightful moment when I received your letter telling me of the insuperable obstacle to our marriage. I would have shot myself, but I had no money to buy a revolver. She—Dearest, if only you had let me know.—Simplicissimus.

A Mean Friend.
"All the dust flies up my nose."
"Well, Cholly, maybe the city will pay you to parade the streets. Perhaps, instead of sweeping, it would be better to clean them by a vacuum process."—Kansas City Journal.

All the Difference.
"My wife is very bad," said a man at the Bloomsbury county court.
"You mean she is very ill. I hope she is not bad," replied the magistrate sympathetically.—London Telegraph.

Quite Simple.
"What will you do with your money when you die?"
"I shall leave it to my children."
"But suppose you have no children?"
"Then it will go to my grandchildren!"

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2 cakes Scouring Soap.....10c
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3 packages Macaroni.....25c

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